

# Loup language

**Loup** is an extinct Algonquian language, or possibly group of languages, spoken in colonial New England. *Loup* ("Wolf") was a French colonial ethnographic term, and usage was inconsistent. In modern literature, it refers to two varieties, **Loup A** and **Loup B**.<sup>[2]</sup>

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## Attestation

Loup A, which may be the language of the Nipmuck, is principally attested from a word list recorded from refugees by the St. Francis mission to the Abenaki in Quebec. The descendants of these refugees became speakers of Western Abenaki in the eighteenth century. Loup B refers to a second word list, which shows extensive dialectal variation. This may not be a distinct language, but just notes on the speech of various New England Algonquian refugees in French missions.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Phonology

The phonology of Loup A (Nipmuck), reconstructed by Gustafson 2000:

Loup	
<b>Pronunciation</b>	[lu]
<b>Native to</b>	United States
<b>Region</b>	Massachusetts, Connecticut
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Nipmuck?
<b>Extinct</b>	18th century
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Algic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Algonquian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eastern Algonquian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Loup</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	Either: <div><div>x1o – Loup A</div><div>x1b – Loup B</div></div>
<b>Linguist List</b>	<div>x1o (<a href="http://multitree.org/codes/x1o">http://multitree.org/codes/x1o</a>) Loup A</div> <div>x1b (<a href="http://multitree.org/codes/x1b">http://multitree.org/codes/x1b</a>) Loup B</div>
<b>Glottolog</b>	<div>loup1243 (<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/loup1243">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/loup1243</a>)</div> <div>Loup A<sup>[1]</sup></div>



Chaubunagungamaug lake sign, in Nipmuk and English

## Consonants

	Bilabial	Alveolar		Palatal/ Postalveolar	Velar		Glottal
		plain	pal.		plain	lab.	
<b>Plosive</b>	p	t	tʲ		k	(kʷ)	
<b>Nasal</b>	m	n					
<b>Affricate</b>				tʃ			
<b>Fricative</b>		s					h
<b>Lateral</b>		l					
<b>Approximant</b>	w			j			

## Vowels

	Short	Long	Nasal
<b>Close</b>	i	iː	
<b>Mid</b>	e		
<b>Open</b>	a	aː	ã
<b>Back-mid</b>	o	oː	
<b>Back-close</b>		u	

The vowel sounds likely have the same phonetic quality as other southern New England Algonquian languages. The short vowels /i o e a/ may represent the sounds as [ɪ], [ʊ], [ɛ, ɐ], and [ʌ], while the long vowels /iː/, /oː/, and /ã/ correspond to /i/, /o/, and /ã/.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

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## External links

- OLAC resources in and about the Loup A language (<http://www.language-archives.org/language/xlo>)
- OLAC resources in and about the Loup B language (<http://www.language-archives.org/language/xlb>)

- [Nipmuc Language.org \(http://www.nipmuclanguage.org/\)](http://www.nipmuclanguage.org/)

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